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The SPECTATOR.

Ipſi lætitia voces ad ſidera jactant
Intonſi montes: ipſæ jam carmina rupes,
Ipſa ſonant arbuſta - - - - - - - - - - Virg.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 25. 1714.

The Sequel of the Story of Shalum *and* Hilpa.

THE Letter inſerted in my laſt had ſo good an Effect upon *Hilpa*, that ſhe anſwered it in leſs than a Twelvemonth after the following Manner:

Hilpa, *Miſtreſs of the Vallies*, to Shalum, *Maſter of Mount* Tirzah.

In the 789th Year of the Creation.

'WHAT have I to do with thee, O *Shalum*? 'Thou praiſeſt *Hilpa*'s Beauty, but art thou 'not ſecretly enamour'd with the Verdure of her 'Meadows? Art thou not more affected with the 'Proſpect of her green Vallies, than thou wouldſt 'be with the Sight of her Perſon? The Lowings 'of my Herds, and the Bleatings of my Flocks, 'make a pleaſant Ecchо in thy Mountains, and 'ſound ſweetly in thy Ears. What tho' I am de'lighted with the Wavings of thy Foreſts, and 'thoſe Breezes of Perfumes which flow from the 'Top of *Tirzah*: are theſe like the Riches of the 'Valley?

'I know thee, O *Shalum*; thou art more wiſe 'and happy than any of the Sons of Men. Thy 'Dwellings are among the Cedars; thou ſearcheſt 'out the Diverſity of Soils, thou underſtandeſt the 'Influences of the Stars, and markeſt the Change 'of Seaſons. Can a Woman appear lovely in the 'Eyes of ſuch a one? Diſquiet me not, O *Shalum*; 'let me alone, that I may enjoy thoſe goodly Poſ'ſeſſions which are fallen to my Lot. Win me 'not by thy enticing Words. May thy Trees in'creaſe and multiply; mayeſt thou add Wood to 'Wood, and Shade to Shade; but attempt not *Hilpa* 'to deſtroy thy Solitude, and make thy Retire'ment populous.

The Chineſe ſay, that a little time afterwards ſhe accepted of a Treat in one of the neighbouring Hills to which *Shalum* had invited her. This Treat laſted for two Years, and is ſaid to have coſt *Shalum* five hundred Antelopes, two thouſand Oſtriches, and a thouſand Tun of Milk; but what moſt of all recommended it, was that Variety of delicious Fruits and Potherbs, in which no Perſon then living could any way equal *Shalum*.

He treated her in the Bower which he had planted amidſt the Wood of Nightingales. This Wood was made up of ſuch Fruit Trees and Plants as are moſt agreeable to the ſeveral Kinds of Singing-Birds; ſo that it had drawn into it all the Muſick of the Country, and was filled from one End of the Year to the other with the moſt agreeable Conſort in Seaſon.

He ſhewed her every Day ſome beautiful and ſurprizing Scene in this new Region of Woodlands; and as by this Means he had all the Opportunities he could wiſh for of opening his Mind to her, he ſucceeded ſo well, that upon her Departure

ture ſhe made him a kind of Promiſe, and gave him her Word to return him a poſitive Anſwer in leſs than fifty Years.

She had not been long among her own People in the Vallies, when ſhe received new Overtures, and at the ſame Time a moſt ſplendid Viſit from *Miſhpach*, who was a mighty Man of old, and had built a great City, which he called after his own Name. Every Houſe was made for at leaſt a thouſand Years, nay there were ſome that were leaſed out for three Lives; ſo that the Quantity of Stone and Timber conſumed in this Building is ſcarce to be imagined by thoſe who live in the preſent Age of the World. This great Man entertained her with the Voice of muſical Inſtruments which had been lately invented, and danced before her to the Sound of the Timbrel. He alſo preſented her with ſeveral domeſtick Utenſils wrought in Braſs and Iron, which had been newly found out for the Conveniency of Life. In the mean time *Shalum* grew very uneaſy with himſelf, and was ſorely diſpleaſed at *Hilpa* for the Reception which ſhe had given to *Miſhpach*, inſomuch that he never wrote to her or ſpoke of her during a whole Revolution of *Saturn*; but finding that this Intercourſe went no further than a Viſit, he again renewed his Addreſſes to her, who during his long Silence is ſaid very often to have caſt a wiſhing Eye upon Mount *Tirzah*.

Her Mind continued wavering about twenty Years longer between *Shalum* and *Miſhpach*; for tho' her Inclinations favoured the former, her Intereſt pleaded very powerfully for the other. While her Heart was in this unſettled Condition, the following Accident happened which determined her Choice. A high Tower of Wood that ſtood in the City of *Miſhpach* having caught Fire by a Flaſh of Lightning, in a few Days reduced the whole Town to Aſhes. *Miſhpach* reſolved to rebuild the Place whatever it ſhould coſt him; and having already deſtroyed all the Timber of the Country, he was forced to have Recourſe to *Shalum*, whoſe Foreſts were now two hundred Years old. He purchaſed theſe Woods with ſo many Herds of Cattle and Flocks of Sheep, and with ſuch a vaſt Extent of Fields and Paſtures, that *Shalum* was now grown more wealthy than *Miſhpach*; and therefore appeared ſo charming in the Eyes of *Zilpah*'s Daughter, that ſhe no longer refuſed him in Marriage. On the Day in which he brought her up into the Mountains he raiſed a moſt prodigious Pile of Cedar, and of every ſweet-ſmelling Wood, which reached above 300 Cubits in Height; He alſo caſt into the Pile Bundles of Myrrh and Sheaves of Spikenard, enriching it with every ſpicy Shrub, and making it fat with the Gums of his Plantations. This was the Burnt-Offering which *Shalum* offered in the Day of his Eſpouſals: The Smoke of it aſcended up to Heaven, and filled the whole Country with Incenſe and Perfume.

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